

**CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009
6:30P.M.**

Councilmember Gatling called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Grant (8:30P.M.), Councilmember Darrell Hardy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Brian Shivers (7:05 P.M.), Councilmember Elenora Simms, Reveral Yeargin (ABSENT)

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, and Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk

PRESENTATION:

Alphonso Fielding, Fielding & Son Trash Services-has been in business for 23 years. He does refuse and some recycling, work with PG pulling goods, and registered with MDOT. They have never received any complaints. He has three trucks and three (3) employee's and will operate one (1) truck with one (1) driver, and (1) laborer. He has handled three hundred (300) recyclables. They will add more laborers and truck if necessary. The price is included with the RFP for two (2) trucks and four (4) laborers. The age of his fleet is 1994 and 2005 in excellent condition.

Cornell Saddler, Emergency Serv, Inc -has been in business for 3 years and located in Montgomery County, Maryland. They will assign two drivers and four workers to the City of Seat Pleasant. They will pick up any missed pickups if reported by 3:00p.m., the same day or the very next day. Their fleet of truck is 2006, they will get marketing materials to residence and conduct training on recycling. Their inclement weather policy is to pick up the next day. They also pick up the next day after the following holiday's Christmas, New Year's 4th of July and Labor Day. They will set up quarterly meetings with the contract and they communicate daily with their staff. They will work out the time for pick up between 6:00a.m.-9:00a.m.

Bruce Bates, Bates Trucking-They have been services the City of Seat Pleasant for five years on a month to month basis. They never signed a contract as the previous administration felt the contract rates were too high. They run the largest refuse company, which handles 40,000 in Prince George's County. They can handle E-Waste, (Electronic Waste), will submit proposal. They don't handle hazardous waste. They have two (2) trucks with six (6) workers, and after a holiday they send

three (3) trucks. He can amortize ninety (90) gallon totes into the contract. The truck can read, and tract totters with RFD tag. Any replacement of totes is a cost to the city. It will increase the monthly rate by \$1.00-\$1.50 per household. The contract will be sixty (60) months with less money, shortening the contract will increase your monthly. We can improve the services, if we know the problem. We meet weekly to discuss concerns and reporting. Prince Georges County has a noise ordinance and trash companies are not allowed to pick up trash before 6:30 a.m. He can implement regulations of County in the contract, they provide 24 hours for hit or misses. He recommends the city to get the thirty-five (35) gallon totters for recycling. They will meet with us quarterly, send log of scrap metal and prepare contract detail to the terms.

Councilmember Simms recommended that eliminate Fielding & Sons from the process, as they will not be able to handle the needs of the City. Councilmember Shivers recommended that Bob bring the comparison on the proposal of services to the Council at the next Business meeting.

LEGISLATION REVIEW:

None

BUSINESS TOPICS:

NLC Voting Delegate-Councilmember Gatling stated that the voting delegate form is due to NLC by October 30, 2009. We do not have Council person from the City that will be attending the conference. Councilmember Simms recommended that Mrs. Lanham contact NLC to find out the process of assigning a proxy from a neighboring town.

MML Proxy Vote- Councilmember Gatling stated that Councilmember Porter will be attending the Maryland Municipal League Fall Conference in Flintstone, Maryland, and he will be voting on behalf of the City.

Review of City Administrator Resumes-Councilmember Gatling stated that we have twenty-eight (28) resumes of interest for the City Administrator position. Councilmember Gatling recommended that the Council review the resumes over the week-end and bring their selection of at least five (5) candidates of interest to the meeting on Monday, October 5, 2009. Mayor Grant stated that the Council needs to set goals to determine what they are looking for in a City Administrator, and the needs of the City.

Energy Grant-Mr. Ashton reported that we have received \$28,000, and would like for the Council to review the guidelines on page four (4) and determine how you

want to expend the funds. Mayor Grant recommended that the Council wait until the next grant comes in and we leverage them together. He said the reports will be identical, and the neighboring City Grant is specifically written for City Hall. Mr. Ashton stated that the grants were received at a different time and we need to expend the monies by a certain date.

Surplus Property Auction-Mr. Ashton requested the Council to review the steps to auction the city surplus property. Councilmember Simms stated that the Council has received a list of the vehicles with the identification number previously. The Council would like for each Department to identify property, and Mr. Ashton will provide the Council with list of vehicles with value of each to determine the amount, and the process to dispose of vehicles if not sold.

Thanksgiving Day-The Council has requested a comprehensive proposal for them to review.

City Case-Mr. Ashton presented the Council with the summary of a pending case with the Seat Pleasant Police Department. The summary didn't provide detail information on the case for the Council.

Citizen Complaint-Mr. Ashton stated that LGIT recommended that city become transparent. The Mayor and Council feels the complaint has no leverage as no person has been identified.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Public Works Uniforms-Mr. Ashton present the Council with requested cost data to purchase uniforms for the Public Works Department. Councilmember Shivers requested a report on cleaning and replacement for the last year from the company.

Feggans Center Technical and Financial Assistance-Mr. Ashton presented the Council with materials on the Neighborhood Design Center and the New Markey Tax Credit Program. He stated that the NDC will produce blue prints of the Feggans Center at no cost to the City. The Council has requested that Mr. Ashton get a written statement on developing the blue prints at no cost, and to delegate the project to the Public Works Director.

Chief of Police- Mr. Ashton reported that the Seat Pleasant Police Department doesn't have an acting chief, but Sergeant Patterson is in charge. He has requested that he has the opportunity to prepare a comprehensive package and present it to the Council on hiring the Chief of Police.

Mayor Grant read and update on the health care reform and the cost of dialysis, which is the leading cost of no treatment of High Blood Pressure. Kaiser coverage cost annually for a family is \$13,000.

Koko Barnes, Seat Pleasant Community Development Corporation-They are requesting the usage of the Council Chambers on Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. on the Greening the Community Program. Councilmember Gatling requested that she allow the Council until Monday, October 5, 2009 to determine who will open the door to the Council Chambers for usage.

Councilmember Gatling announced that the City Clerk will be on travel the week of Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 9, 2009 in Virginia Beach for training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Work Session, Monday, October 5, 2009, at 7:00p.m., Council Chambers
Public Session, Monday, October 12, 2009 at 7:00p.m., Council Chambers
MML Fall Conference, Thursday, October 22-Saturday, October 24, 2009, Flintstone, Maryland

Adjourn-It was motion by Councilmember Simms and seconded by councilmember Shivers to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:38p.m.

Submitted By,

Dashaun Lanham
City Clerk